

Green tip for September 17: Reduce waste in your workplace.

Related Greening Government goal: Adopt a goal of zero waste from operation of State facilities.

In recognition of national pollution prevention week, September 17 -21, (<http://www.p2.org/p2week/index.cfm>) our Green tip of the week focuses on Recycling. A number of State agencies have successful recycling programs in place. Others are just getting started, or have not ventured into recycling at all.

The [Colorado Association for Recycling \(CAFR\)](http://www.cafr.org) is a non-profit organization, which promotes waste reduction strategies and education throughout the state. CAFR has an excellent step-by-step guide to implementing an office recycling program. That information can be found at: http://www.cafr.org/office_recycling/office_guide.htm

Office recycling program (paper, plastic, aluminum) contacts

Richard Lee, Department of Personnel and Administration, 303-866-3838 richard.lee@state.co.us (Capitol Complex buildings only)

The Solid Waste department for the county in which your facility is located is also a good resource for recycling. This is a useful link to locate county governments and related resources: <http://www.colorado.gov/colorado-government/countygovs.html>

Recycling electronics and other items

Patrick Hamel is a technical resource at the Department of Public Health and Environment, 303-692-2979 Phamel@cdphe.state.co.us. Patrick can offer recycling tips for non-typical office products, such as cell phones and products containing mercury.

To recycle electronic equipment, check first with the Colorado Department of Corrections, Colorado Surplus Property Agency (CSPA) <http://www.coloradoci.com/> or contact CSPA at 303-370-2167. CSPA recycles computers, monitors, laptops, printers, etc. for a nominal fee. Fees may be waived if the number of serviceable items exceeds the number of non-serviceable items turned in.

Another option is to contact the manufacturer, to see what type of “take back” program is in place. Here are links to a few manufactures who offer product recycling - [Sony](#); [Hewlett Packard](#); [Dell](#).